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(b) a fibroblast growth factor, leukemia inhibitory factor, membrane associated steel factor, and soluble steel factor in amounts to enhance the growth and allow the continued proliferation of the cells.--

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 have been amended at the Examiner's suggestion to clarify the claim language to better describe the cell and to avoid describing the cell by characteristics which may be inherent but which may yet not have been shown. Specifically, the word "embryonic" has been deleted and the cells are now described as having the growth and differentiation potential of a cell derived by the method and compositions which are the same as those claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,453,357. The claims have also been amended to "non-murine." Support is found throughout the application for these amendments.

Applicant respectfully points out the July 15, 1994 Restriction Requirement in U.S. Serial No. 07/958,562 (now U.S. Patent No. 5,453,357) and the prosecution of restricted claims from that application in the subject application. Thus, a terminal disclaimer need not be filed in this application.

Applicant's sincerely appreciate the Examiner's time and hospitality during the August 7, 1996

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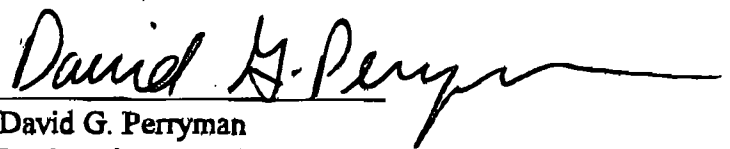
interview in which the above issues were discussed.

Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested. In view of the amendments, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited and encouraged to directly contact the undersigned if such contact may enhance the efficient prosecution of this application to issue.

No additional fee is believed due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

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